

Meeting Minutes, West Warwick Charter Review Commission
Monday, March 15, 2010 6:30PM
Place: Town Council Chambers, Town Hall
1170 Main Street West Warwick, RI

- A. Meeting called to order by Commission Chairman Henseler at 6:40PM**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call-**

Members present:

Sean Henseler	Joseph Gardosik
Brian Tucker	Barbara Tabak
Mark Bourget	Felix Appolonia-

Members absent:

Giovanni Calise	Ronald Nunes
Frank Parente, Sr	

D. Secretary determines a quorum is present. No audience members present. Guest speaker Colonel Paul Villa present. Note from Secretary Tucker to Commission that previous meeting minutes contain no new motions and as such the running list of recommended changes to Charter is unchanged.

E. Motion made by Joseph Gardosik to waive to reading of the previous meeting minutes. Motion second by Secretary Tucker. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

F. Motion made by Joseph Gardosik to accept previous meeting minutes. Motion second by Mark Bourget. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

G. Chairman Henseler review of old business

H. Guest speaker: Colonel Paul Villa.

- Recommend not lowering the educational requirement for the position of Police Chief.
- Recommend adjustments be made in collective bargaining agreement for hiring
- Agrees with current policy of hiring/promoting from top 3 picks as recommendation to town Manager
- Suggests adjustments are needed to collective bargaining agreement with regard to selection for promotion

I. Articles 13 and 14- No Change

J. Article 1506- Commission to review with Jim Thomas/Al Decorte re: Director of Public Works reporting directly to Town Manager. Discuss whether Building and Zoning, code enforcement, etc. be moved under the guise of Planning and Zoning division.

K. Article 1601- Motion made by Mark Bourget to require town to have full time Town Planner position. Motion second by Secretary Tucker. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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L. Articles 1602-1604- No change

M. Article-1605- Debate whether persons should be able to sit on multiple committees/boards. Language to be addressed with town solicitor at next meeting. Legality of question to be presented to Town Solicitor next meeting.

N. Articles 1607-1610: Tabled for future discussion.

O. Article 17- No change

P. Commission discussion on invitees to future meetings. Panel agrees that a West Warwick School Committee representative and Supervisor along with possible invitation to City of Providence School Committee Member.

Q. Commission to review with Town Solicitor whether Director of Human Services position is currently filled.

R. Next meeting agenda- Chairman Henseler to invite Town Solicitor Tim Williamson to next Charter Commission meeting. Commission to have questions for Solicitor ready in advance.

S. Motion to adjourn made by Joseph Gardosik, motion second by Mark Bourget. Motion carries by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:55.